

Timpanogos Storytelling Festival expands

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The sixth annual Timpanogos Storytelling Festival on Friday and Saturday will be expanded in both scope and location this year.

In addition to performances at Ashton Gardens and the SCERA Shell in Orem, the popular festival, with the theme "Windows to the Imagination," will include storytelling workshops at Sundance the day before performances begin.

Tickets may be purchased at the Orem Library for workshops, performances, and the meet-the-storytellers dinner. Tickets for the Thursday dinner (\$20) will be

available only in advance. Tickets for the festival may be purchased at the gate during the event as well as in advance.

Prices for the full event Friday and Saturday — all daytime sessions at Ashton gardens, plus evening performances at the SCERA Shell — are \$20 for a child 12 and under, \$30 for an adult, and \$80 for a family of five. Individual day tickets are \$10 for children, \$15 for adults, and \$6 for night performances. The workshop at Sundance costs \$30 for one session and \$65 for two, with lunch included. (Call 229-7161 for a complete festival schedule.)

Ashton Gardens is actually the grounds around the Ashton home

at 900 E. 600 South, Orem. Parking and shuttle service are available in the church parking lot at 800 E. 600 South. Handicapped parking is available on Palisade Drive and on 900 East. The SCERA Shell outdoor amphitheater is at 699 S. State, Orem.

Ed Stivender and Donald Davis will teach the workshops at Sundance. Stivender, who enthralled audiences at last year's festival with his participatory improvisations, comical renditions of fairy tales and dueling banjos, will offer tips for learning and telling stories during the morning session, 10 a.m.-noon. Davis, one of the most sought-after storytellers in the country and a favorite at the local

festival, will teach people how to find and create their own stories and match the telling to the audience from 1 to 3 p.m. Registration for both workshops is limited; call 229-7161 for availability.

Stivender and Davis will also perform throughout the festival, which runs from 10 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. each day. "Bedtime Stories" will begin at 7 p.m. and "Ghost Tales" at 8:30 p.m. Friday, both at the SCERA Shell. The festival will conclude with "Laughin' Night" Saturday at 8:30 at the Shell.

Other featured tellers this year include Charlotte Blake Alston, who blends poetry, monologues, (See FESTIVAL, Page E2)

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educational raps, songs, historic impersonations and folk tales from Africa and African Americans; Milbrie Burch, who draws upon her training in acting and mime to portray the emotionally vibrant characters in her multicultural and family stories; J.J. Reneaux, who adds Cajun spice mixed with classical jazz and Delta blues to her rich Southern stories; and Billy Seago of the Seattle Children's Theatre, who uses American sign language to take his audiences on exciting adventures.

Regional storytellers who will perform at the festival include Debi Richan, who will do a one-woman show on a Swedish diplomat who was instrumental in saving thousands of Jews under Hitler's regime; actor Mark Gollaher, a BYU theater graduate who is appearing in Pioneer Theatre Company's production of *The Secret Garden* this summer; the Brewster family, who combine Irish folklore with Celtic music on unusual instruments; Marilyn McPhie, who includes Scottish and

Russian tales in her folklore; Sister Maryan, who shares exciting tales of Afro-American lore; Connie Crayk, Salt Lake City, who has performed her stories with the Utah Symphony and at literature fairs; John Beach of Rock Springs, Wyo., a 30-year veteran of telling Western tales in public schools; Kaye Wessman of Idaho Falls, who mixes puppetry with folklore and fairy tales; Howard Little, Lindon, an actor who tells original as well as literary stories; and Leticia Pizzino, a recent University of Utah graduate and a vocalist who has performed in operas and musicals and combines her vocal abilities with her storytelling talent.

In addition, the festival will offer performances by many local storytellers and musicians. Scheduled are Dave Bullock, David Dolahite, Tony Hartman, Anita Henriksen, Lamarr Jones, Carrie Kelley, Marion "Slim" Manwill, Connie Martin, Melanie McKinlay, Rebekah Sawaya, Caitlin Shirts, Candice Steelman and Donae Tidwell.

Bluegrass and other acoustic musicians will perform between storytelling sessions, and Mark Pullham's puppet show will be featured. Food, books and tapes will be for sale throughout the day.